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1. EXPLORATORY MEETING OF US-BRAZIL SUB GROUP ON
AGRICULTURE, JULY 5-6 CONCLUDED ON NOTE OF OPTIMISM.
TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED THAT FIRST FORMAL SESSION OF
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SUB GROUP WOULD BE HELD IN BRASILIA, SEPTEMBER 21-22,
COINCIDING WITH 16TH WORLD POULTRY CONGRESS.

2. A SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION
BY TASK FORCE FOLLOWS:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF TASK FORCE DISCUSSIONS ON U.S. BRAZIL

COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE.

ON JULY 5-6, 1978, OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES MET IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WITH COUNTERPARTS FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE EMBASSY OF BRAZIL TO EXPLORE PROJECT PROPOSALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SUB GROUP ON AGRICULTURE. THE FORMATION OF THE SUB GROUP WAS ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENTS CARTER AND GEISEL IN BRASILIA ON MARCH 30, 1978, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED FEBRUARY 21, 1976, BY THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE SIDES DISCUSSED SPECIFIC PROJECT INTERESTS AND IDENTIFIED BROAD CATEGORIES OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH PARTIES. THESE BROAD PROPOSALS INCLUDED: (1) DEFENSE AGAINST PLANT AND ANIMAL DISEASES, (2) ENERGY CONSERVATION AND GENERATION, (3) COOPERATION IN TECHNICAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, INCLUDING COMMODITY OUTLOOK, (4) IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTING, AND (5) OTHER SPECIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS.

THE SIDES ALSO REVIEWED CURRENT ONGOING PROJECTS AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES AND JOINT COLLABORATION ON RESEARCH WITH UNIVERSITIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT ONGOING PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE CONTINUED.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SUB GROUP ON AGRICULTURE WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BRASILIA TENTATIVELY IN MID-SEPTEMBER AND THAT A FORMAL AGENDA WOULD BE SUBMITTED IDENTIFYING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONTAINING SPECIFIC PROJECT PROPOSALS IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

THE SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM TOWARDS FORMALIZING THE INITIATIVES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SUB GROUP. NEW PROPOSALS AND IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS WILL BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THE EXECUTIVE AGENTS FOR DIRECTING THE ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SUB GROUP WILL BE APPOINTED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SUB GROUP.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHUH, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COMMODITY PROGRAMS, LED THE U.S. SIDE. OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED DR. QUENTIN WEST, GEORGE WHITE, GARY TAYLOR, CHESTER GORDON, ROBERT BRANDT, LEON MEARS, WILLIAM HOOFNAGLE, ROGER NEETZ, AND G. STANLEY BROWN.

STAN MYLES REPRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

THE BRAZILIAN SIDE WAS LED BY DR. ANTONIO MARTINHO LICIO, ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER, AND INCLUDED DR. ANTONIO LUIS MORAES, ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER, DR. ELISEU ALVES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMBRAPA, AND MR. ALFREDO TAVARES, EMBASSY OF BRAZIL.

3. SEPARATE CABLE FOLLOWS ON DETAILS OF JULY 5-6 DISCUSSIONS AND COMMENTS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF CABLES.

4. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHUH PLANS TO ATTEND WORLD POULTRY CONGRESS IN SEPTEMBER AND VIEWS PROPOSED DATES FOR FIRST SUB GROUP MEETING FAVORABLY. CHRISTOPHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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